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THREE DEATHS

Caused by Explosion of Powder in Residence at Inez.

Almost a complete repetition of the Stafford family disaster, which happened at Paintsville several weeks ago, occurred near the town of Inez, Martin county, Friday evening, when three persons—all who were in a house at the time of the fire—were so badly burned that all three died Saturday night.

Mrs. Cassell, wife of Allen Cassell, and her children, a married daughter and a 12-year-old son were in the home of the Cassells when the house took fire from an explosion of powder. The building and all its contents were destroyed, and the occupants, as stated above, so badly burned that they died last Saturday night.

Mr. Cassell, who is a miner, was at work in his mine near the house. About 5 o'clock in the evening he sent his 12-year-old son to the residence to bring some blasting powder stored in a room there, to the mine. It was a cold day, and the lad took the keg of powder into the room where there was fire, when the powder exploded with a terrific report, shattering the house into a million pieces. It is a wonder that any of the occupants got out alive, but, strange to say, they escaped injury from falling timbers, etc., and but for the horrible burns they received, might have survived.

The house was somewhat remote from other dwellings, and no assistance arrived in time to extricate the unfortunates from the mass of ruins until after they had been almost completely roasted alive and all three were entirely beyond hope of recovery when rescued from the flames.

Mrs. Cassell was a half-sister of City Attorney J. B. Williams, of Catlettsburg.

Allen Cassell was a deputy sheriff of Martin county, and in addition to his other misfortunes, lost \$600 of county funds which were in the house at the time of its destruction.

BURGLARS

Entered Two Stores at Fallsburg and Damaged Safe.

On last Saturday morning the little town of Fallsburg experienced considerable excitement. The discovery was made that the stores of G. W. Norris & Bro., and A. Collinsworth had been broken into during the night. The safe at the latter place showed very plainly the marks of thieves. The combination and the lever had been smashed with a sledge hammer in a desperate attempt to open the safe. They failed in the attempt, however, and all that has been missed from the two stores is a small amount of change left in the cash drawers.

Bloodhounds were sent for at Ratcliff and two young ones were taken to the scene but they failed to take up the trail. The old trained dogs could not be secured.

Three strangers who were in this vicinity are suspected. They were around Louisa for a day or two previous and were looked upon with suspicion by our officers. They have not been seen since the Fallsburg affair.

Jasper McClure Very Ill.

Jasper McClure, eldest son of Prof. George M. McClure, of Danville, is reported to be hopelessly ill. After having been in bed two months with typhoid fever of a malignant type, he is now said to have double pneumonia. Practically all hope of his recovery has been abandoned. Jasper is about 20 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Preston, formerly of Thelma, Johnson county, have located at Bald, Washington. Mrs. Preston is a daughter of T. J. Spencer, a prominent merchant of Thelma.

Large Attendance at K. N. C.

Scores of students have been pouring into Louisa since Saturday for the K. N. C. The streets are alive with them at the opening and closing hours. The first bell rings before 7 o'clock a. m.

The matter of providing boarding places for the students is being taken care of nicely. Comfortable quarters are found for all who come and there will be no difficulty in this particular.

By a little extra effort on the part of our citizens the completion of enough of the new college building can be made by Feb. 1st to put it into use. The delay in the roofing material has held back the work, but this is now past.

Morgan County Primary.

The Democrats of Morgan county have nominated the following ticket. The popular nominee for County Judge is well known in Louisa. He lives at Relief, which is near the Lawrence county line.

County Judge, I. C. Ferguson; County Attorney, J. P. Haney, County Clerk, J. H. Sebastian; Superintendent, T. N. Barker; Circuit Clerk, R. M. Oakley; Sheriff, H. B. Brown; Jailor, H. C. Combs; Assessor, Whit Kemplin; Coroner, Zach Haney, Surveyor, M. P. Turner.

THE WATT BROTHERS

Who Began Work in Louisa Have Risen To High Positions.

John M. G. Watt is to become an Assistant Division Engineer on Panama Canal at \$7,500.00 per year. He is a very capable designing engineer, and has been at Chattanooga for several years. He began work as an office man at Louisa at \$25.00 a month about 1892 and has built himself up by his own ability without a pull of any kind. In the course of his work he was at one time an assistant to Col. Hodges, who now is virtually in charge of the Panama work and knows Mr. Watt's ability and it is no doubt through him that the appointment comes.

David A. Watt, his brother, who was also initiated at Louisa about 1890 at \$40 per month has for a long while been Supervising Engineer on the Barge Canal in New York State at a handsome salary. He has been sent abroad by the State to study hydraulic works and otherwise placed in trusted positions. The success of these two men shows what can be done with strict application to one's duties when there is ability to begin with.

Denton.

Miss Eliza Webb, who has been in Ohio for the past year, is visiting relatives here. She is accompanied by Miss Celia Petry of Webbville.

Miss Webb will return to Columbus Tuesday.

Mrs. Wesley Webb has been very sick with an abscess on her arm. She is reported to be much improved.

Miss Mary Queen returned to Willard Saturday, where she will resume the duties of teaching.

Master Henry Sparks is very sick with mumps.

H. M. Queen attended church at Glenwood Sunday.

The Denton Plastic Fire Clay Co. are having a large output of clay.

Miss Nellie Howe has returned home from an extended visit in Tennessee.

Mrs. Lizzie Waugh passed to her rest Saturday morning. She was interred in the J. B. Rice cemetery Sunday evening.

Rev. A. R. Reynolds was visiting friends here last week and is now working with Rev. Rice who is holding a meeting at the Glenwood Baptist church.

Mrs. Fannie Duvall is able to be out again after an illness of two weeks.

Mrs. David Griffith is very low with consumption.

Kent Prichard is improving slowly from a long siege of neuralgia.

Mrs. T. S. Pennington, of Washington, D. C. is visiting her parents here.

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BIG SANDY

Visitor to New York City Writes Entertainingly of His Trip.

New York, Dec. 28.—Following the lead of your esteemed country correspondents I should begin this note by saying that "Corn gathering is the order of the day," and I should not be far from the truth. My unaccustomed feet have gathered from the cobble stones of Manhattan and the borough of Brooklyn a corn crop that will take months of Louisa soft streets to eradicate. I stood it very well Saturday and Sunday. Today I "tollered nuff" only too glad to enjoy the quiet and comfort of easy chairs and furnace heated rooms.

The vast city was a revelation to me in one respect. Other things had been revealed by former visits, but this time I hit old "Broadway and Herald Square" on Christmas day. Why, I saw nobody. It seemed to me. Every man was at his home, or some other man's home, and the streets were deserted. The biggest cafe (saloon) in New York was closed. I'll bet you couldn't force your way to the counter in the doggerly on Front Street in Catlettsburg.

Going across the Hudson from Jersey City to Manhattan was also different. "Twas in the mid September" on a previous trip I remember the harbor, but this time a breeze that went to every nook and corner of your internal economy swept across the roughened water and the Goddess on Bedloe's Island was enveloped in a cloud of fog and mist.

One can get a pretty fair idea of the vastness of this human hive by the time occupied in getting from place to place. For instance: I left the ferry boat about one-thirty. It was about 3:15 when we stopped at the home of my kinsmen, and there were miles of houses on all sides of us. The trip was an ever-changing panorama, kaleidoscopic and bewildering. By an odd coincidence the first familiar sight which I saw on this trip, as on a former one, was "David Henderson & Son, Sedmen."

The route to my stopping place was across Brooklyn bridge, the great triumph of the power of money and engineering skill. What a wonderful scene is revealed to you, when in the middle of the great steel monster, you look north and southward. Craft of every conceivable character, from the Mauritania, more than twice as long as the distance from Sullivan's corner to the Southern Methodist church, to a little yacht apparently not over 20 feet long may be seen. Whistles that shriek and whistles that roar make a din at once deafening and unintelligible to the ear of a traveler from the Sandy.

It's too funny. I was sitting in the smoker of a Pullman the night I left Ashland, and, as often happens at such times, we learned each other's names and habits. When I said rather emphatically, possibly that I was from Louisa, a man who told me that he was "little old New York" said, "I see by the papers that you people have been raising h—l up your way again"—referring to the late scrimmage at Webb.

See how "news" travels! I said, "Yes, it was pretty bad, but it was a fight between officers on one side and the family of alleged violators on the other. You people raise your h—l by shooting unarmed men to death in crowded places of amusement and murder helpless men as they sit unprepared in boats." The subject was not discussed further.

I have been here two days and have been to church three times. You see I have not forgotten my early training. I must confess, however, that my ecclesiastical journeyings were not prompted altogether by religious motives. When I was a few years ago I went one Saturday morning to the Jewish Temple at 76 and 5th avenue. I went again last Saturday morning, and if I am ever here again I'll go to the same temple of worship. Such music is heard only in two places: At 76 and 5th avenue and in heaven.

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Walbridge.

William O'Brien and family have returned from Whitehouse, where they have been for some time.

I. W. Dawson is still improving. Mrs. Elizabeth York has returned from Williamson.

Mrs. Frank Maynard, who has been sick for quite a while is still improving.

Miss Vernie Webb has returned from Williamson, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Lee Cartmell.

G. W. York has moved from Williamson, where he has been living for quite a while.

Mack Canada, who has been sick for some time, is improving.

Harry Burke was kicked by a mule yesterday, but not dangerously hurt. Mrs. Robert Webb was the guest of Mrs. Frank Maynard Sunday.

Mrs. Tom New is very ill with mumps.

Millard Webb, who has been sick for some time, is slowly improving.

Miss Ada York was the guest of Miss Webb Sunday.

The infant child of Ernest York is very ill.

Mrs. David Wellman was visiting her sister Mrs. Robert Webb Saturday.

We were all shocked by the death of Mrs. Sam Hearty. Her death will be mourned by all who knew her.

Spider Webb.

80TH BIRTHDAY

Celebrated by Rosanna Jarrel at Huletts.

Tuesday, December 29th, Mrs. Rosanna Jarrel, of Huletts, this county, passed her eightieth birthday. The day and occasion were most fittingly celebrated by her many friends and relatives, at the home of her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William O'Daniel, where an excellent dinner was prepared. The menu consisted of everything good to eat from turkey and sweet potatoes on down the list to the bottom. After dinner the evening was spent in conversation and music, peace and good cheer prevailing throughout the entire evening.

Mrs. Jarrel was born in Floyd county Dec. 29, 1828, being a daughter of Adam and Rhoda Harmon and who is the last living representative of a family of ten children, the youngest of whom, Wm. F. Harmon, died April 19, 1895.

On bidding adieu to this estimable lady, her many friends, we are sure, sent up a silent prayer for many more years of usefulness and good health to be added to her age.

Huletts.

The public school closed at Newcomb Dec. 30.

Mrs. Con Layne, from near Kinser, was shopping at Newcomb recently.

W. J. Cochran and wife spent New Year's day with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chaffin.

Mrs. C. R. Layne was visiting at Fallsburg this week.

G. E. Fugate made a business trip to Louisa this week.

Born, Jan. 1st, to Cecil Manns and wife, a fine boy.

John Wooten is no better.

Mrs. Mary Layne was visiting her mother recently.

Carrie Compton and Gussie O'Daniel were visiting Miss Lucy O'Daniel Saturday night and Sunday.

D. A. O'Daniel made a business trip to Zella and back Monday.

Mrs. Lewis Nunley, who has been sick for a few days is able to be out again.

Miss Easter Burton, of Rove creek, passed through here en route to Fallsburg, where she will enter school.

Miss Elsie V-nhorn, of Rove creek, visited friends at this place recently.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fugate attended the funeral of Mr. Lambert Sunday.

French Harmon and brother were visiting W. M. O'Daniel Sunday.

Miss Gracie Queen was visiting Miss Bessie Fugate Sunday.

Blue Bell.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

Two Severe Fires Near Louisa on W. Va. Side of River.

At Saltpeter, W. Va., several days ago the store of Ulysses S. Pauley was entirely destroyed by fire. He had a large stock of goods and \$572 in money, all of which was consumed. He had no insurance and the loss is said to be about \$5,000. A defective flue or stove pipe is said to have caused the trouble.

The fire occurred about two o'clock in the morning. Mr. Pauley and young son were sleeping in the second story of the building. He was awakened by the smoke and went down stair to investigate. After making strenuous efforts to extinguish the flames he at last realized that the fight was hopeless. The boy was awakened by this time and had to be taken out at a window, as the stairway was in flames. He had \$572 in money under his pillow, but in the excitement he forgot it, and when he attempted to go back to the bed the heat and smoke almost suffocated him.

Mr. Pauley has been in business there for many years and has prospered. Much sympathy is expressed for him.

The new home of Newton Skaggs was destroyed by fire near Hubbards-town, W. Va., Tuesday about 11 o'clock a. m. There was no insurance and nothing was saved. Nearly \$50 in money was included in the loss. The flames took hold through a defective flue.

The building had been completed only recently. As a matter of economy the kitchen flue was built of tiling. It is thought the tiling cracked and caused the destruction of the house.

Mr. Skaggs is an honest, hard-working man and had put forth extra efforts to build this home. The loss is quite a severe blow to him.

The greatest mistake a builder can make is to put in a cheap flue.

OIL WELL

To Be Drilled on Three Mile Near Louisa.

A new oil well outfit is now on the way here and will be first used for drilling on Three-Mile creek, in this county. The first well will be sunk on the lands belonging to the Walbridge heirs, near Walbridge station. Work will start as soon as the machinery arrives.

This development is under the charge of A. C. Smith, a practical oil man from Pennsylvania. The well will be drilled to a depth of 2,500 feet if nothing of value is found at a less depth.

The development should be encouraged by our people in every way possible.

Wilbur.

Sunday school is progressing nicely at this place.

B. Z. Hayes and family who have been visiting his sick father for the past month, has returned to his home in Kansas.

Also Bennie Hayes and family have gone to Kansas, where they will make their future home. We are sorry to have them leave us.

Mamie Moore and Jennie Childers attended Sunday school here Sunday.

Milt Pigg was on our creek Sunday.

Miss Alma Hayes is visiting her friends at Busseyville.

Miss Kittie Childers who has been sick for some time is able to be out again.

A. A. Kise and family, of Georges Creek, visited his father-in-law Isaac Hayes, Sunday.

Jeff Ball was on our creek Sunday.

Black Eyes.

Maple Grove.

Jessie H. Cordell has had a very bad hand caused by abuse and has been threatened with blood poisoning.

Jeff Nelson, who has been living at Portsmouth for four or five years spent Christmas with his brother Millard and family at this place. He came prepared for a hunt and had good success.

Wm. Taylor, Sr. and Wm. Taylor, Jr. and their wives took dinner with J. H. Cordell and wife Sunday.

Bessie Nelson and Mattie Cordell are expecting a big time Thursday. School will be out.

Jay Short, of Burnwell, W. Va., spent Christmas with his mother Mrs. Tode Short, and sister, Mrs. George E. Carter.

G. E. Carter, has gone to Charleston, W. Va. on business.

Jeff Nelson took dinner with G. E. Carter Sunday.

John O. Cordell and Jay Bowling of Cordell, were calling on the former's brother J. H. Cordell, this week.

Miss Louisa Roberts, of Floyd county, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Taylor, Jr., of this place.

rn, to little Will Carter and wife, a fine girl.

Dock Rice is some better. Been hunting, you know.

Rev. French Rice will preach at Maple Grove Saturday night.

Guess Who.

APPROPRIATION

For Rivers and Harbors Due This Winter, But Prospects are Poor.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The question whether there will be a river and harbor bill during the present session of Congress is becoming a matter of much concern to many members of both houses.

In accordance with the usual custom of passing such a bill only once every two years, no effort was made last session, but it was then generally understood that no objection would be placed in the way of such a measure at the second session.

Now the committees having charge of the question find themselves confronted by a constantly growing deficit in the treasury, with the accompanying complaint that it is going to be impossible to find money enough to go around without trenching too deeply upon the reserves, with the result that they find it quite impossible to give any satisfactory assurances to collectors who, like themselves, want legislation.

Council Meeting.

City Council met Tuesday evening. A. O. Carter resigned as city attorney and J. A. Vinson was elected. Mr. Carter was appointed to make a new compilation of the ordinances.

Cullie Bromley was appointed to settle with the marshal.

An order was made to work all convicts on a stone pile that has been established at the intersection of Main and Main Cross streets.

Rewarded by Judge Cochran.

As a result of the honesty of Elliott Salyers, of Magoffin county, the Federal prisoner who walked 32 miles to catch a train to come to Frankfort, and surrender himself to Jailer B. ges and to serve out a three months' sentence in the county jail, Federal Judge A. M. J. Cochran, of Maysville, has suspended the \$100 fine imposed upon Salyers. Salyers will now only serve thirty days in jail, and part of that sentence has been remitted.

An alarm of fire on Monday caused considerable excitement for a short time. The B. B. & S. Mfg. company's mill caught fire, but the flames were soon extinguished.

The venerable Jerry Lambert, age 88, died on East Fork last week and was buried Sunday. He was one of the county's very best citizens.